

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this patent application.

Claims 1-3, 6-9, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ganapathy et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,446,195.


Claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 10-17 are allowed.

Applicants request entry of the above amendment to claim 1 to include the features recited in claim 4 and request that claim 4 be canceled. In addition, applicants request entry of the above amendments to claims 2 and 3 in order to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter would be added and the amendments are fully supported by the original specification.

Entry of these amendments will place claims 1-20 in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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